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SECRETARY OF WAR AT FORT MONROE

Mr. Stimson and Party on Official and Sightseeing Trip.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Hampton, Va., June 17.—Secretary of War W. L. Stimson, accompanied by General Erasmus M. Weaver, chief of the artillery branch of the United States Army, Mrs. Stimson and Miss Gammell spent to-day on an official and sight-seeing trip at Fort Monroe. During the day the Secretary witnessed a dress parade, had a salute of seventeen guns fired in his honor, and then witnessed target practice from the big guns at three of the batteries. He also inspected the post, and was a guest at luncheon of Colonel and Mrs. F. S. Strong. It was the first visit to Fort Monroe of Mr. Stimson since he assumed the war portfolio of President Taft's Cabinet.

This afternoon, while Mr. Stimson was watching the target practice at Battery Parrott, Private Roy Smith, of the 16th Company, had his hand caught in the gun carriage and his fingers mashed off.

Secretary Stimson and his party returned to Washington to-night.

Noakes-Dyche. Winchester, Va., June 17.—Samuel G. Noakes and Miss Annie Dyche were married this afternoon at Fairfax Hotel by Rev. Thomas K. Cromer, of Centenary Reformed Church.

TAFT VETOES ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL

Indicates Disapproval of Provision Which Would Oust Wood.

SIX REASONS FOR HIS ACTION

Chairman Hay, of House Committee, Accuses President of Misstating Facts.

Washington, June 17.—The President to-day vetoed the army appropriation bill. He returned the bill to Congress with a message indicating his disapproval of the legislative provision which would oust Major-General Leonard Wood from the office of chief of staff on March 4 next. In his message the President said: "The army of the United States is far too vital an institution to the people of this country to be made the victim of hasty or imperfect theories of legislation. As was pointed out by the chairman of the Senate Military Committee, it is well known that the War College and the general staff have been for many months engaged upon a comprehensive plan of army reorganization. At the present time, therefore, it is especially inappropriate, in my opinion, to force upon the statute books legislation enacted without the usual deliberation an care."

The President gave six specific reasons for finding the bill objectionable. They were:

"It provision limiting the eligibility of officers to be chief of staff." This position, the President called the most important in the army, and added that its operation in years past would have disqualified the army's most brilliant officers.

The bill would reduce the number of the general staff, crippling the most important corps of the army. In the limitation of the period during which an officer might remain upon detached service for staff duty, the President said the organized personnel of important War Department bureaus

would be disorganized. The President also referred to the fact that all the officers of the Bureau of Insular Affairs except its chief would be removed; all officers of the Philippine Constabulary would be relieved January 1, and all but one of the line officers now constructing the Panama Canal would be relieved as well.

The President condemns the bill's provisions changing the enlistment term from three to four years, calling it contrary to enlightened military policy, and declaring that it would make impossible the establishment of a proper reserve.

The proposed commission to report on the policy of army posts was criticized by Mr. Taft as obstructing rather than furthering the solution of a difficult problem. There would be a deficiency under the bill in the pay of the army alone of more than \$2,000,000. The economy claimed for the bill, the President said, was arrived at merely by failure to appropriate over \$3,000,000 which was needed before the end of the coming year.

Hay Issues Statement. Chairman Hay, of the House Military Committee, issued a statement in which he accused the President of misstating the facts and resorting to disingenuous arguments. Mr. Hay declared the President had vetoed the bill to give himself valid reasons for vetoing the legislative bill, which contains the provision to abolish the Commerce Court.

While President Taft did not mention Major-General Wood by name, he made it plain that one of his reasons for vetoing the bill was its provision to legislate that officer from his office as chief of staff of the army on March 4, 1913. The President pointed out that the limitations imposed upon the incumbent of that office by the terms of the bill would have disqualified many of the army's most brilliant officers. The President also objected to the provision which would have removed officers of the Philippine Constabulary, the Panama Canal work and the Bureau of Insular Affairs. So now the army bill rests in committee, and the army's appropriation for the coming year will be unprovided for until it is repassed without the features to which President Taft objected or until a resolution extending the appropriation for the next year to the next is put through.

News of South Richmond

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Manchester station yesterday became a branch of the Postal Savings Bank of the Richmond post-office. The new department will be under the personal supervision of Superintendent L. B. Lloyd.

Any one desiring to take advantage of the new banking plan of deposit savings from \$1 up until the sum of \$500 is reached. This amount has been fixed by the government. Certificate of deposit will be issued in the place of pass books. The certificate will be redeemable when properly indorsed. Two per cent interest will be paid on the deposits. It will be computed semi-annually. The first account is yet to be opened. Southsiders failing to grasp the chance yesterday.

Convicted June Term. The June term of the Hustings Court, Part 2, was convened yesterday by Judge E. H. Wells. There being no criminal case to be heard a grand jury for the third consecutive term, was dispensed with. The civil docket was as follows: Commonwealth against Charles Sims, appealed case, July 1. B. H. Straus & Company against Emma L. Bagwell against J. W. Clary & Company, assumed, July 2. J. B. Burrell against Richmond Beneficial Insurance Company, assumed, July 3.

Complainant Fails to Appear. Uzzie Ross, colored, complainant in a warrant in which she charges Charles and her with an iron rod, failed to reach court yesterday in time for the hearing. The accused couple, taking advantage of the lull in the judicial activity had a warrant issued against Uzzie for trespass. The two cases will be heard this morning before Justice H. A. Maurice in the Police Court, Part 2.

Damage Suit Filed. Suit for personal injuries was instituted yesterday in the Hustings Court, Part 2, by E. P. Grubbs against the George A. Fuller Company (Inc.). The plaintiff is seeking \$200 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained while employed by the defendant company on the construction of the building. He is represented by Benjamin Lovenstein and Louis O. Wendenburg. No declaration was filed.

Child Breaks Arm. Dorothy, the four-year-old daughter of Dr. John W. Brodnax, of West Seventh Street, fell from the steps at her home Sunday evening and sustained a fracture of the arm. Her injuries were dressed by her father, and she is resting quietly.

Dabney and Pollock Sent. W. T. Dabney and Gilbert K. Pollock yesterday by virtue of a writ of habeas corpus, were ordered to be committed to the State Prison for a term of one year.

Arrests Yesterday. Linwood Lewis, colored, charged with assault and battery, was placed under arrest last night.

Harry Austin was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with creating a disturbance in a downtown saloon. He was bailed for appearance before Justice Maurice this morning.

Dobson-Butler Marriage. Exercising his privilege, granted the day before, Elder John Lea, of the Christadelphian Church, Sunday afternoon quietly united in marriage Miss Rosa Butler, of Chesterfield, and T. M. Dobson, of Stop II, Petersburg. The ceremony was performed at 228 East Main Street by Mr. Lea, who is a Philadelphian, and made a special trip to Richmond to officiate. To do this it was necessary to get a State license.

Personal Mention. Miss Elma and Anna Strader are spending a few days at the Natural Bridge.

W. E. Smith left yesterday with his family for Norfolk and Ocean View. They expect to be gone for a week.

Harold Lewis, who has been working in Roanoke, returned home yesterday.

DROWNED IN TAR RIVER. Frank Nixon loses life while in Bathing With Several Companions.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, N. C., June 17.—This afternoon about 5 o'clock Frank Nixon, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Nixon, was drowned while bathing in the Tar River, near the bridge over the and Vandemere Railroad Bridge, with some other boys. Frank was swimming some distance from the other boys, and when one of them happened to glance in his direction he saw him sinking. The boys immediately went to his aid, but did not arrive in time, and they gave up the scene of the accident, and the search for his body consumed about one-half hour, when it was finally located and brought to the surface by Captain W. W. Satterthwaite. Everything possible was done to resuscitate him, but in vain.

Frank was about seventeen years of age, and was a student of the A. & M. College, at Raleigh, and had many warm friends in this city.

Gift to Spencer Schools. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Spencer, N. C., June 17.—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, secretary of the Spencer School Board, today received a check from the Southern Railway Company as a donation of \$500 to be used for the improvement of school facilities in Spencer. Accompanying the check is a letter from Vice-President and General Manager E. H. Coapman, expressing deep interest in the school work in Spencer, where the Southern Railway Company has its principal shops and owns a large amount of property.

J. Walter Kenney Re-Elected. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Dilwyn, Va., June 17.—The Curdsville School Board met Saturday and re-elected J. Walter Kenney as principal of Dilwyn High School and Miss Margaret Kent, of Kent's Store, and Mrs. Julia Kyle, of this county, as assistants to Mr. Kenney.

Eagle-Buffy. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Spencer, N. C., June 17.—An announcement was made to-day that John J. Eagle and Miss Lela Buffy were married. The

Maybe You Think

that YOU don't care whether or not a competitive electric light and power franchise is granted in Richmond. Maybe you think that this question is no more than a controversy between two rival street railway companies, and so does not concern YOU. But if you think that, you are deluding yourself. This question is of grave importance to every public-spirited citizen, because it concerns seriously the welfare of the city and of all its people.

The Times-Dispatch, in its editorial leader of Sunday, June 16, defines the issue exactly, and most wisely and truly says:

"This is not a question between two competing companies; it is a question between the citizens of Richmond and their Council. What the citizen wants is a maximum service at the minimum price. What the Council wants is to secure that right and privilege for this community. * * *

"In the present instance, the City receives from the Virginia Railway and Power Company admittedly EXCELLENT SERVICES AT REASONABLE RATES. * * *

"Competition cannot improve present conditions, but competition, with its attendant costs, can, and INEVITABLY WILL, LAY A HEAVY HAND UPON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE LIGHTING FACILITIES OF THE CITY. It will divert to the payment of interest on outstanding capital charges money that might be applied to developing the electric facilities of the city or reducing the cost to the consumers. It will add Richmond as only one more to the long list of those cities who, led on by weak sentimentality or utter ignorance of the principles of public service business, have recklessly granted public franchises, only to find that it has put in the hands of consolidation a legal and unbreakable means for extorting further contributions from the defenseless consumer.

"Why should we give to a corporation a privilege whose value consists in its POWER TO LEVY A TRIBUTE ON ALL THE CITIZENS? As a matter of fact, if sentiment is to guide in this matter, it would be better for Richmond to issue bonds and reimburse the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company for what they have lost than to give a franchise WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY BE A HEAVY CHARGE ON ALL THE CITIZENS. Nor can the contention be supported that only by competition can regulation be secured. COMPETITION HAS FAILED TO REGULATE public service corporations everywhere; that is why Virginia showed enough enlightenment to create its Corporation Commission.

"We have before us to-day in the Corporation Commission and the City Council A FULL, PERFECT AND SUFFICIENT MEANS FOR CONTROLLING THE SERVICES rendered by the Virginia Railway and Power Company AND THE RATES charged by them for that service. Why, then, should Richmond, as a city, deliberately forego the benefits of an admitted and established means for regulation and hark back to an EXPLODED AND EXPENSIVE METHOD OF EXPLOITING THE NEEDS OF A COMMUNITY?"

THINK on these things—and read to-morrow's Service Talk.

Virginia Railway and Power Company

Service Talk No. 25
June 18, 1912

BOTH CANDIDATES SEEM CONFIDENT

Sinclair Opposes Godwin for Congress in Sixth North Carolina District.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fayetteville, N. C., June 17.—On the eve of the congressional primary to be held throughout the Sixth District to-morrow, the supporters both of Congressman Godwin and Solicitor Sinclair, his opponent, are exhibiting confidence.

Colonel V. C. Bullard, Mr. Sinclair's campaign manager, declared that he could say with certainty that Sinclair would carry Cumberland county, while he had very encouraging reports from Robeson, New-Hanover and Columbus, and especially the last named, these four being the most populous counties of the district. On the other hand, one of Mr. Godwin's strongest supporters expressed himself as confident that Cumberland would go for Godwin. Some of the most enthusiastic Godwin men are betting three to one that he will carry this county, and even money that his majority will be 400, while Colonel Bullard declares some of Godwin's supporters have conceded that Cumberland will go for Sinclair by 350 to 400 majority. Conservative politicians who have no part in the fight say Sinclair will carry Cumberland.

French Company Buys Plant. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Salisbury, N. C., June 17.—With a capital of \$3,000,000 the Southern Aluminum Company, a French corporation, has bought the plant of the old White Pine Power Company, at the Narrows, on the Yadkin River, thirty miles from Salisbury. The new company has acquired 7,000 acres of timber and mining lands and will develop an industrial city at Whitney. Shipments of tools and material from Northern points to Whitney began to-day, and it is expected there will be an influx of French inhabitants.

SERGEANT OF NEWCASTLE IS SHOT AND FATALLY INJURED (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Newcastle, Va., June 17.—O. M. Martin, sergeant of Newcastle, was shot by Harvey Looney through the head and fatally injured while attempting to arrest him. The assassin is still at large. Others may be implicated in the affair. Mr. Martin was one of the most respected citizens in the county. Feeling runs high, and the whole town is in a turmoil.

Double Wedding at Hampton. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Hampton, Va., June 17.—A double wedding took place in the home of

the Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, D. D., pastor of the Hampton Baptist Church, when Miss Martha Firth became the bride of Henry Holloway and Miss Maude Jordan the wife of

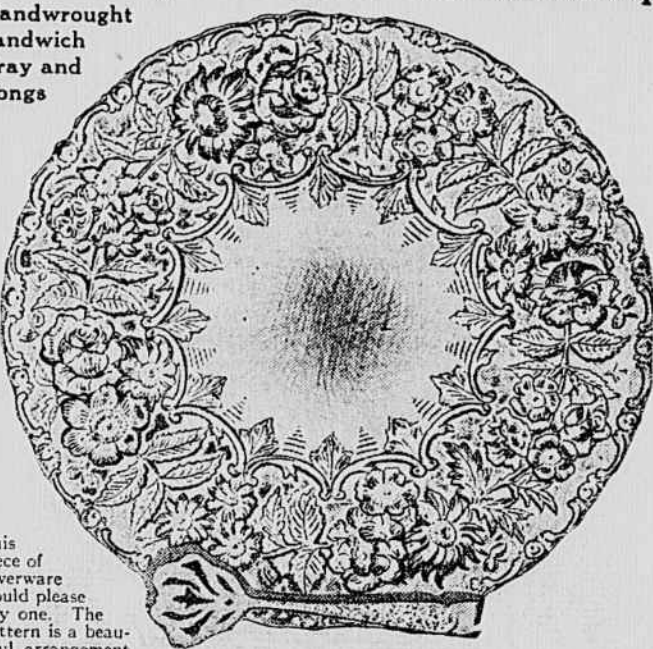
LaFayette Huggett to-day. Both of the couples are from the Back River section, and came here without the knowledge that either intended marrying.

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